

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

ANDREA CONSTAND,

Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.,

Defendant.

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No. 05-cv-1099

DEFENDANT'S ANSWER

Defendant hereby answers Plaintiff's Complaint, as follows:

A. Jurisdiction and Venue

1. The allegations contained in paragraph one of the Complaint constitute conclusions of law, to which no response is required.

2. The allegations contained in paragraph two of the Complaint constitute conclusions of law, to which no response is required.

B. The Parties

3. Defendant lacks knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph three of the Complaint and, therefore, denies them.

4. Admitted.

C. Factual Background

5. Paragraph five of the Complaint contains no factual allegations. Therefore, no response is required.

6. Defendant admits that, to his knowledge and memory, Plaintiff was employed by the Temple University Women's Basketball Program, for a period of time in the last five years. He also admits that he met Plaintiff through their mutual connection to Temple University. Defendant lacks knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph six of the Complaint and, therefore, denies them.

7. Defendant admits that, over the course of Plaintiff's employment by Temple University, he befriended Plaintiff and attempted to help and encourage her professional development. Defendant admits that, to his knowledge, Plaintiff considered him to be a friend and mentor. Defendant lacks knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph seven of the Complaint and, therefore, denies them.

8. Defendant admits that, from when they first became friends until some point prior to January 2005 (when Plaintiff first made her allegations against Defendant), Plaintiff and he saw each other socially. He admits that these social interactions included various group dinners and other functions at his Elkins Park home. Defendant also admits that these social interactions included one-on-one dinners and evenings at his Elkins Park home and other locations. He also admits that Plaintiff attended a dinner party with him in March 2004 and attended one of his performances in August 2004. He admits that, during the course of their friendship, Plaintiff and he discussed many topics, including basketball, Plaintiff's career and personal development, job opportunities, and Plaintiff's spiritual beliefs.

9. Denied as stated. By way of further answer, Defendant admits that, on more than one occasion, he invited Plaintiff to his Elkins Park home, and she accepted. On certain of these occasions, Plaintiff was Defendant's only guest. Plaintiff and Defendant discussed, as they often did, Plaintiff's career. Defendant does not recall the exact dates or times of Plaintiff's visits.

10. Defendant incorporates his answer to paragraph nine of the Complaint.

11. Denied as stated. Defendant admits that, during one of Plaintiff's one-on-one visits to his Elkins Park home, Plaintiff complained of tension and an inability to sleep. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph eleven of the Complaint.

12. Denied. By way of further answer, Defendant states that, in response to Plaintiff's complaint of tension and inability to sleep, he offered Plaintiff one and one-half tablets of over-the-counter Benadryl®.

13. Denied.

14. Defendant admits that Plaintiff accepted the tablets that he offered her. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 14 of the Complaint.

15. Denied.

16. Defendant admits that he offered Plaintiff one and one-half tablets of over-the-counter Benadryl®. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the Complaint.

17. Denied.

18. Denied as stated.

19. Denied.

20. Denied.

21. Denied.

22. Defendant lacks knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 22 of the Complaint and, therefore, denies them.

23. Denied.

24. Denied as stated. By way of further answer, Defendant states that, when he came downstairs to wake Plaintiff, she was already awake. Defendant denies wearing only a bathrobe.

25. Admitted. By way of further answer, Defendant states that prior to Plaintiff's departure from his Elkins Park home, Defendant served Plaintiff a breakfast consisting of a homemade blueberry muffin and a cup of hot tea.

26. Defendant lacks knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 26 of the Complaint and, therefore, denies them.

27. Defendant admits that, between January 13, 2005 and the present, he has made statements that have been published by the media. The publications and broadcasts speak for themselves. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 27 of the Complaint.

28. Defendant lacks knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 28 of the Complaint and, therefore, denies them. By way of further answer, Defendant states, upon information and belief, that Plaintiff's identity as Defendant's accuser was first made public by a member of Plaintiff's family.

29. Denied as stated. Defendant admits that, on February 21, 2005, he was interviewed by a reporter for *The National Enquirer* and that the subjects covered in the interview included Plaintiff's allegations. He also admits that *The National Enquirer* subsequently published an article that purported to set forth portions of his statements during the interview. That article speaks for itself. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 29 of the Complaint.

30. Denied.

COUNT I
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Battery

31. Paragraph 31 of the Complaint contains no factual allegations. Therefore, no response is required.

32. Denied.

33. Denied.

34. Denied.

35. Denied.

36. Denied.

37. Denied.

38. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Defendant demands the entry of judgment in his favor and against Plaintiff and an award of his costs, his attorneys fees, and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

COUNT II
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Assault

39. Paragraph 39 of the Complaint contains no factual allegations. Therefore, no response is required.

40. Denied.

41. Denied.

42. Denied.

43. Denied.

44. Denied.

45. Denied.

46. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Defendant demands the entry of judgment in his favor and against Plaintiff and an award of his costs, his attorneys fees, and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

COUNT III

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Intentional and Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress

47. Paragraph 47 of the Complaint contains no factual allegations. Therefore, no response is required.

48. Denied.

49. Denied.

50. Denied.

51. Denied.

52. Denied.

53. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Defendant demands the entry of judgment in his favor and against Plaintiff and an award of his costs, his attorneys fees, and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

COUNT IV
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Defamation/Defamation Per Se

54. Paragraph 54 of the Complaint contains no factual allegations. Therefore, no response is required.

55. Defendant lacks knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 55 of the Complaint and, therefore, denies them.

56. Denied.

57. Denied.

58. Denied as stated. Defendant admits that, on February 21, 2005, he was interviewed by a reporter for *The National Enquirer* and that the subjects covered in the interview included Plaintiff's allegations. The article purportedly publishing some of his statements during that interview speaks for itself. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 58 of the Complaint.

59. Denied.

60. Denied.

61. Defendant lacks knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 61 of the Complaint and, therefore, denies them.

62. Denied.

63. Defendant lacks knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 63 of the Complaint and, therefore, denies them.

64. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Defendant demands the entry of judgment in his favor and against Plaintiff and an award of his costs, his attorneys fees, and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

COUNT V

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False Light/Invasion of Privacy

65. Paragraph 65 of the Complaint contains no factual allegations. Therefore, no response is required.

66. Denied.

67. Defendant admits that, on February 21, 2005, he was interviewed by a reporter for *The National Enquirer* and that the subjects covered in the interview included Plaintiff's allegations. The article purportedly publishing some of his statements during that interview speaks for itself. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 67 of the Complaint.

68. Denied.

69. Denied.

70. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Defendant demands the entry of judgment in his favor and against Plaintiff and an award of his costs, his attorneys fees, and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

2. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrines of estoppel and laches.

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s/ Patrick J. O'Connor

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